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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

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Applicants conditionally request an extension of time in the event that one is required for this paper. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), authorization is hereby granted to charge all required extension of time fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0365.

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